

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)
We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!” purple #804

*THE BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE & TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD
Together met, together bound, we’ll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world, we’ll live and speak his praise.

POSTLUDE “Thou, O Heavenly City, New Jerusalem” Flor Peeters

* The congregation may stand.

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey M. Gallagher, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Ruth Nye, *Associate Pastor*
Molli Mitchell, *Student Pastor*
Allan Conway, *Minister of Music*
Tonya Lyon, *Director of Finance*
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Alison Pires, *Director of Youth Ministries*
Melanie Young, *Sexton*
Teresa Green, *Director, Tolland Green Learning Center*
Rev. Donald G. Miller, *Pastor Emeritus*
Rev. Hannah Howe, *Pastor Emerita*
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Wright, Jr., *Pastor Emeritus*

Service Notes...

The flowers this morning are given in honor of Amie Giguere's Ordination by Bob & Linda Johnson.

Welcoming you this morning are (8:30): Doug & Janett Moore (10:00): Jean & John Konrad; Brenda Griswold; Jeff Neville.

Our Deacons welcoming you this morning are (8:30): Kathy Phillips (10:00): Billie Ferguson. The Confirmand serving as Acolyte is (10:00) Jarek Whitehouse.

The Deacons assisting with Communion are (8:30): Kathy Phillips; Janett Moore; Deb Werner (10:00): Donna Ellis; Craig Jones; Carl Stidsen; Brian Pabst; Billie Ferguson; Karen Booth; Mark Miller.

The Rose of Remembrance is given to Sue Lessoff who is battling cancer. Hosting this morning’s coffee hour are members of the CaT Team & Personnel Committee.



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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 3, 2019 8:30 & 10:00 A.M.

All are welcome to commune with us.
In our desire to make our table open to as many as possible, the grape juice is non-alcoholic and the communion bread and grape juice are gluten free.

SUGGESTED READINGS FROM PEW BIBLES: Ephesians 1:11-23 & Luke 6:20-31

THE APPROACH TO GOD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING “Adoro te Devote (Thee We Adore)” Charles Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather for worship this day recognizing that we do so surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses:
Many: The saints who have worshiped in this sanctuary, preached from the pulpit, sat behind the organ, taught Church School classes, trimmed bushes in the garden, and baked hundreds, if not thousands, of cookies for coffee hour.
One: The saints in our lives who have left an indelible mark on who we are today: parents and mentors, teachers and coaches and friends.
Many: Even the saints who sit beside us in these pews today: the window-sill wipers, sponge washers, budget crunchers, seatback-sellers, shawl-knitters, and choir singers.
One: So let us give thanks to God now for all the saints in our lives as we join together to worship our God!

*HYMN “For All The Saints” insert
(10:00) verses 4 & 5 choir only
(Prayer request cards will be collected during the singing of this hymn)

***OPENING PRAYER**

Many: Alleluia indeed, O God! We lift up this our prayer to you for all the saints and with all the saints that have blessed us before and bless us now. Supported and surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, may we go forth from this place ready to become, today, the saints the church and the world will sing about tomorrow. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

DEDICATION OF PLEDGE CARDS

The congregation is invited to bring forward their pledge cards to support the 2020 budget.

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Having offered our hopes for the future, let us turn now to what we carry with us from the past so that we might head into that future unencumbered by anything that could hold us back . . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: Faithful, shining, brave, strong: when we sing about the saints of yesterday, O God, it can become so easy for us to believe that we do not—and will not—measure up to those who have gone before us. And so we pray that you will forgive us for our lack of faith in ourselves and for what you are doing within us, that we might go forth from this place inspired to carry on the song the saints have sung before us. We pray this along with all the prayers we bring before you now, in this silence . . .

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Saint, sinner, or a little bit of both—God showers us all with the same love, grace and forgiveness. And so, along with all the saints we say: **Thanks be to God!**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

SENDING FORTH HYMN (10:00) “Go, My Children, With My Blessing” (vs 1) purple #547

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing- you are my own.*

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (unison)

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may Your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may Your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown. Amen

SERMON “So great a cloud”

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey M. Gallagher

MOMENT OF MUSICAL REFLECTION

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS, PASTORAL AND LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY (8:30) “Now the Silence” (see purple #534)
(10:00) “Shall We Gather at the River”

Walter Pelz
arr Allan Conway

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

red #514

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE COMMUNION HYMN vs.1-4 (please be seated)

front cover red hymnal

THE INVITATION

One: Luke the evangelist wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples, took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Many: In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ...

THE COMMUNION PRAYER & THE SANCTUS (sung)

*Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: you are Holy, Lord!*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP (all partake together)

One: Take and eat, the body of Christ broken for you.

One: Take and drink, the cup of the new covenant, poured out.